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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: )  
Timo LAAKSO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1616  
Application No.: ~~09/424,741~~ 09/529,442 ) Examiner: R. DeWitty  
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For: ENCAPSULATION METHOD )

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## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is timely filed in complete response to the Official Action mailed on July 23, 2001 (Paper No. 4) and due on October 23, 2001.

**Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**

## IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12 as follows:**

1. (Once Amended) A method of encapsulating an active substance in a biodegradable polymer, which comprises:

  - dissolving said biodegradable polymer in an organic solvent therefor;